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CUBAN NATIONAL PLEADS GUILTY
IN NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNTERFEIT CREDIT CARD SCHEME

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Inspector in Charge of the Boston Division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service Kenneth R. Jones, and Tilton Police Chief Kent Chapman, announced that Giraldo Trujillo, age 26, a Cuban National living in Miami, Florida, pleaded guilty to charges that he fraudulently used counterfeit credit cards in New Hampshire, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1029(a)(5). Trujillo had been indicted by a federal grand jury in October, 2003.

At the plea hearing Trujillo admitted that on July 30, 2003, he used what appeared to be a CitiBank VISA card, bearing an account number and held in the name of another individual, to make an \$1,100 purchase at Walmart in Tilton, NH to buy gift cards. He admitted that the credit card was counterfeit and that he used a counterfeit driver's license in conjunction with the purchase. The account number was in fact a valid credit card account number that had been issued to another person by a bank other than CitiBank. Trujillo also admitted that later during the same day he attempted to use a different counterfeit VISA card to make a purchase of \$1,001.08 at the same Walmart store. The cashier became suspicious, and when the defendant was questioned about the credit card he fled the store, leaving the counterfeit credit card and the counterfeit driver's license he was using.

A customer who witnessed the incident followed Trujillo to the parking lot and saw him enter the passenger side of a vehicle which then drove away. That customer followed the car and saw that Trujillo was dropped off a short distance away at a convenience store. The customer then reported this suspicious activity to the Tilton Police who immediately went to the convenience store and took Trujillo into custody.

After the plea of guilty, U.S. Attorney Colantuono said, "This case was made because of two things: An honest citizen saw what appeared to be a crime and took action and the Tilton Police Department responded in a timely and professional manner. These efforts should be recognized by the public. Congratulations on a job well done."

The case has been investigated by the United States Secret Service, the Tilton Police Department, and the United States Postal Inspection Service. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Arnold Huftalen.